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SAMPLE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed July 8, 2003, applicant elects the invention of Group I drawn to the embodiment of claims 1-11 and 23-33, and the species of claim 9 (signal-amplifying agent comprising an enzyme). The election is made without traverse.

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